



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

that any such narrative exists, we gladly accept the fragmentary record now before us. No one can read it without feeling an increased respect for the author, both as a man and as a writer.

13. — 1. *The Patience of Hope*. By the Author of "A Present Heaven." With an Introduction by JOHN G. WHITTIER. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1862. 16mo. pp. 171.
2. *A Present Heaven. Addressed to a Friend*. By the Author of "The Patience of Hope." Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1863. 16mo. pp. 172.

MR. WHITTIER has rendered an acceptable service in introducing these two little volumes to American readers. They belong to a peculiar department of religious literature, and some of the writer's opinions are at least of doubtful soundness; but they are written in a style so eloquent and persuasive, and are characterized by a spirit so humble and trustful, that no one can read them without pleasure and profit. Every page bears witness to the writer's earnestness of purpose and the depth of her religious experience; she has meditated long and profoundly on the great truths of religion; and Scriptural language seems to be the natural garb of her thoughts. It may, indeed, be justly objected to her view of the religious life, that the tendency of such a representation is to encourage the separation of the individual from society, and this objection Mr. Whittier attempts to answer in his Introduction to "The Patience of Hope." But such a tendency is not likely to prevail in our age or country; and the danger, if any, is more than counterbalanced by the positive benefit both to the individual and society which may be anticipated from the careful study of two works of such pure and lofty aim, and which are characterized by such evident sincerity and unusual depth of spiritual insight. Of the two books, the second is, we think, the best and most instructive, since it is more systematic in the development of the thought, and not less eloquent in expression, than "The Patience of Hope," and is less open to the objection to which we have adverted. Both volumes, however, are worthy of a place among the few books which are to be read often, and to be thoroughly pondered as closet companions.

14. — *The Poet's Journal*. By BAYARD TAYLOR. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1863. 16mo. pp. 204.

BAYARD TAYLOR deservedly holds a high rank among our younger poets. He has a lively and delicate fancy, a rich and copious diction,